

Remarks

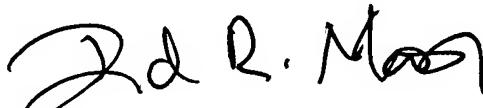
Entry of the present Amendment is respectfully requested. In support of the present Amendment, a Petition to Accept an Unintentionally Delayed Priority Claim is filed herewith. By the present Amendment, the specification has been amended to list priority information. No new matter enters by this Amendment.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and notice of such is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned should any additional information be necessary for allowance.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe that any fees beyond those provided for in the accompanying documents are due at this time. However, if any fees are required in the present application, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 70750.100.

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